

CAPSULE SUMMARY**BA-3019****Graves House****726 Howard Road****Pikesville, Baltimore County****1893****Private**

This dwelling at 726 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban. On July 1, 1892 Rosewell Woods Graves and Sophie Wyatt Graves purchased the lot at 726 Howard Road. They hired Baltimore City architect, Appleton Wilson, to build a house which was completed in 1893.

Built circa 1893, this Shingle-style dwelling sits close to the road on a level grassy lot amongst trees and shrubs. The house is two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. It is a wood frame structure set on a solid random rubble foundation and clad with wood shingles. The recessed off-center entry features a one-leaf wood door with one light and three panels. The overhanging second story and the wrap-around, half-hipped porch roof supported by wood Tuscan columns. Double-hung wood sash windows with 6/1 lights and one 6x6 light wood casement window set in a canted reveal. All the openings have square-edge wood surrounds and sills. A two-story tower rises along one side of the building. The house has a wood cornice and a combination front gambrel and hipped roof clad in wood shingles and standing seam metal. Three interior brick chimneys rise through the roof.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3019

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Graves House

other

2. Location

street and number 726 Howard Road not for publication

city, town Pikesville vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph M. & Suzanne Anderson Palanzo, Jr.

street and number 726 Howard Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 78, 838

city, town Towson liber 1061 folio 107

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1893

Architect/Builder Appleton Wilson

Construction dates 1893

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Graves House, built in 1893, is located in Sudbrook Park in the Second District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. In 1890, the Sudbrook Company purchased a 204 acre tract just south of Reisterstown Road in Pikesville. During the hiatus of his career, Olmstead was commissioned to design Sudbrook Park. One acre of land was set aside by the company for a depot for the Western Maryland Railway.

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ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).
2. Beryl Frank, Way Back When, (Baltimore: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 29.
3. Melanie D. Anson, Olmstead's Sudbrook The Making of a Community (Baltimore, MD: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 75.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.00 acres

Acreage of historical setting 1.00 acres

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 726 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 838 since its construction.

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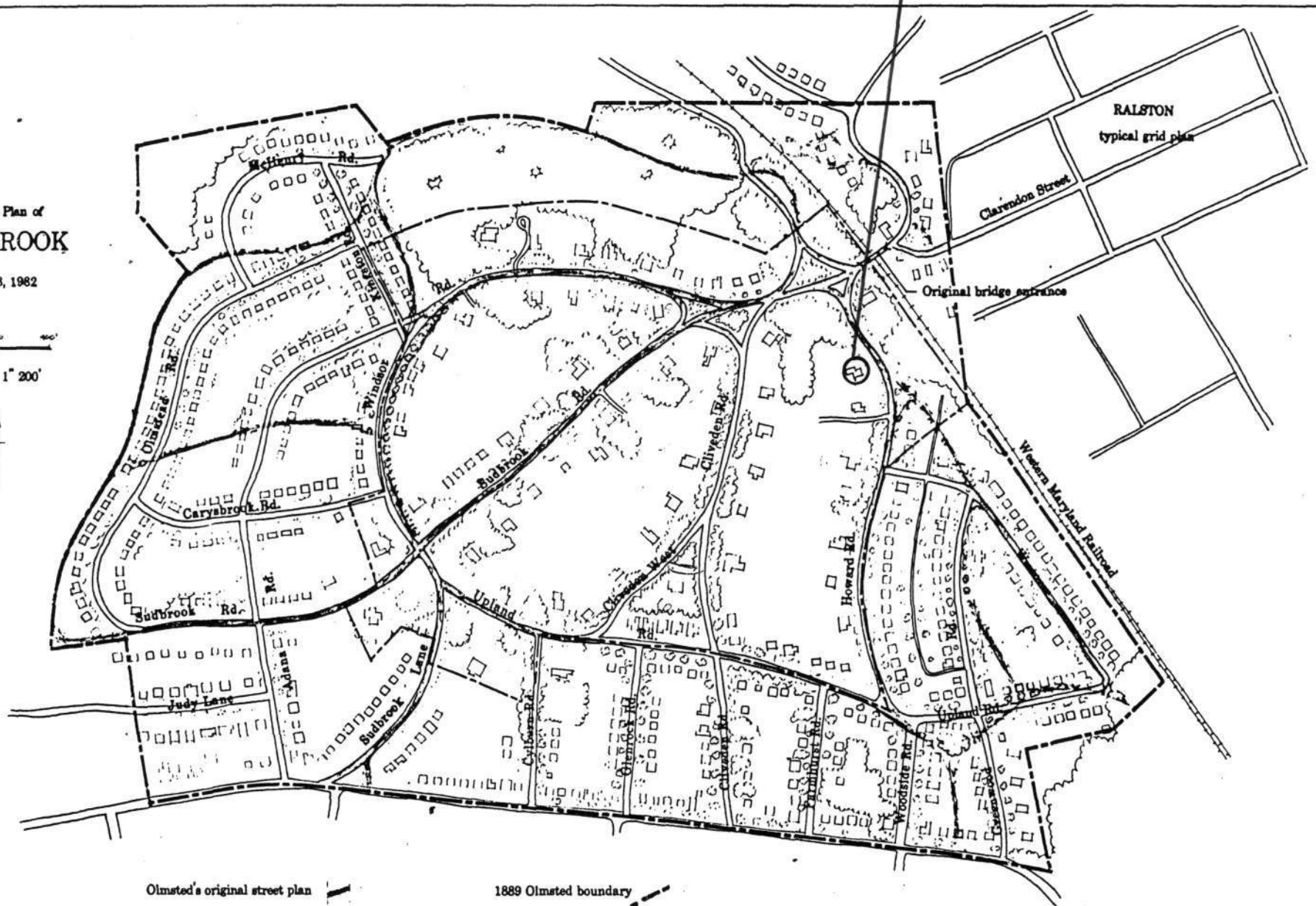
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726 Howard Road
Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville
Baltimore West, USGS

General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

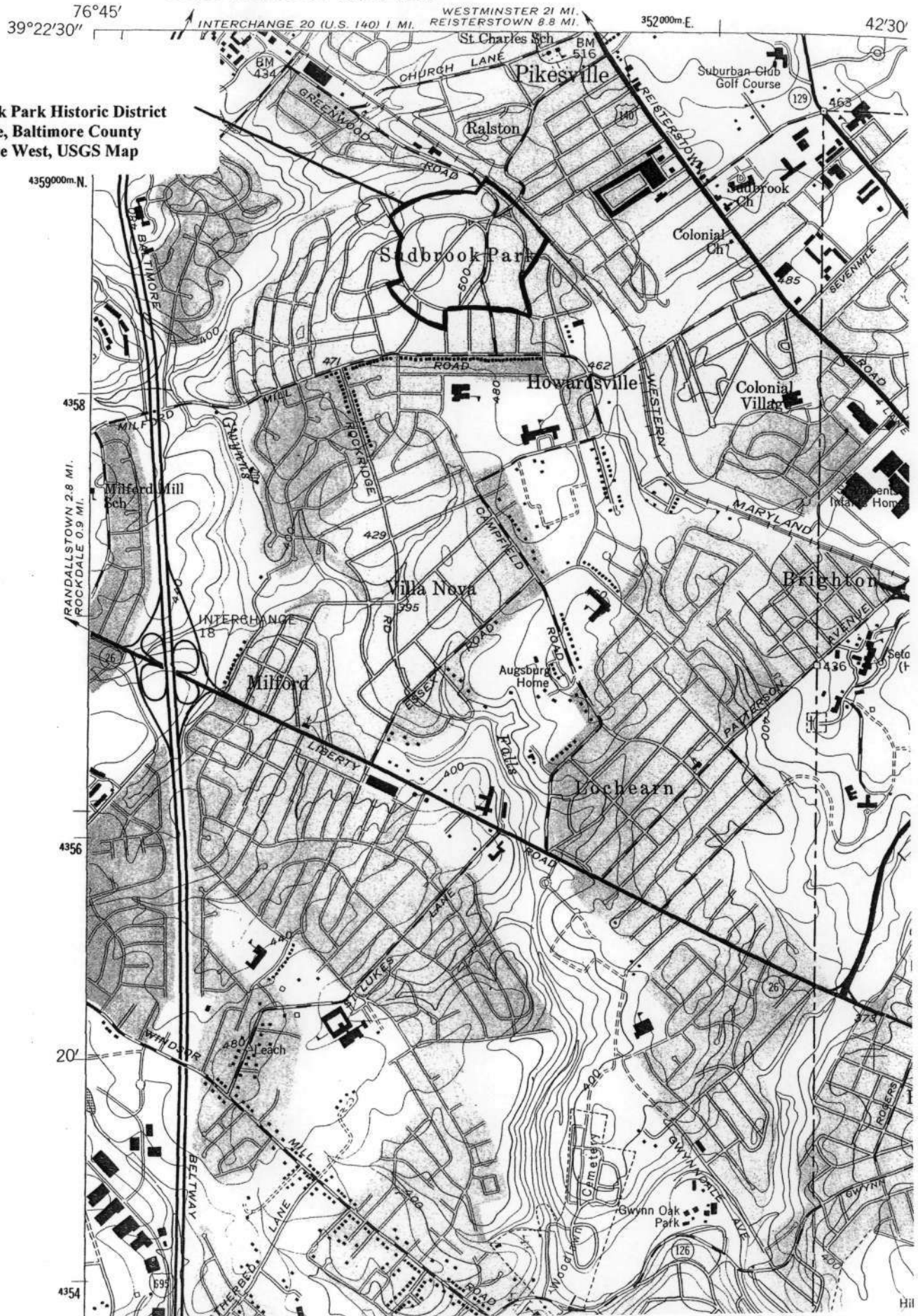
1889 Olmsted boundary

1973 Historic district boundary

5662 N. NE
(REISTERSTOWN)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville, Baltimore County
Baltimore West, USGS Map





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726 HOWARD ROAD

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HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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